(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to improve the conditions of such monuments?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Monuments are annually inspected and surveyed to ascertain their condition. Conservation of centrally protected monuments by Archaeological Survey of India is an ongoing process. The maintenance and conservation of protected monuments are undertaken as per archaeological principles, and specific requirement of the monuments subject to the availability of funds.

Development of tourist triangle in West Bengal

465. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to develop Sibpur Botanical Garden, Bellur Math and Dakhineswaar Kali Temple as a tourist triangle in the State of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a), No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Development of tourist/pilgrim centres is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consulation with them every year based on the merit of proposals and availability of funds. The list of prioritised projects of West Bengal for 2001-2002 does not include any project for development of Sibpur Botanical Garden, Bellur Math or Dakhineswar Kali Temple.